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ON THE

HEALTH AND SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

BOROUGH OF HYTHE,
RURAL DISTRICT OF EAST ASHFORD,
RURAL DISTRICT OF ELHAM,
RURAL DISTRICT OF WEST ASHFORD.

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EAST KENT (No.3) UNITED DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT.

on the Health and Sanitary Conditions
of the Hythe Borough, East Ashford Rural
District, Elham Rural District and
West Ashford Rural District.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1953.

POPULATION.

The Registrar-General's estimated population for the united district under review was 38,880 compared with 38,868 for the previous year. There has been little change in population over the last five years, but the tendency has been for it to rise slightly.

VITAL STATISTICS.

1. BIRTH RATE.

The adjusted live birth rate for the joint areas was 15.5 per 1,000 resident population. The rate for England and Wales was 15.5. The still birth rate was 0.29 and that for England and Wales was 0.35.

2. DEATHS.

The death rate - adjusted for age and sex distribution - for the four areas for 1953 was 11.92 per 1,000 estimated resident population and that for England and Wales was 11.4. As we have two County Hospitals for old persons in the joint area and as most of these old persons were normally resident outside our area the death rate is considerably increased thereby. For comparison if we deduct the deaths of non residents registered in the district the death rate becomes 9.85.

The Infant Mortality Rate during the first year of life was 17.94 per 1,000 estimated births, the figure for 1952 was 32.20. The infant mortality rate before 1951 has been steadily declining but in 1951 and 1952 it was high and above that for England and Wales, so we are glad to see the drop in the number of infant deaths for the year under review. These deaths were 10 in number (18 in 1952); four deaths resulted from prematurity, one from a brain tumour, three died from serious congenital defects, and two from accidental asphyxiation.

Deaths from Accident.

11 deaths from accident occurred in the four areas, two less than in 1952 and ten less than in 1951. Of these 11 deaths four were males under 35 years of age and occurred on the road or in connection with motor driven vehicles.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The incidence of infectious disease has again been low.

There were only 3 notifications of Acute Poliomyelitis, all arising in Hythe, and there was one death; the other two ma excellent recoveries.

There were 30 cases of Scarlet Fever all of the mild type w have experienced in recent years, nine were removed to hospital and the rest were nursed at home. There was a small outbreak o Food poisoning in the Elham area when 8 persons were taken ill after eating egg and meat pie, none of the food was left over fo examination and no causative organism was isolated. 5 cases of Sonne dysentry were notified and none of Salmonella infection. 1 case of Typhoid fever was notified the patient being the mothe of a large family and it was thought the infection was contracte when the patient visited outside the area, the youngest child of the family also contracted the disease before the cause of the mother's illness was known but no other case arose. 19 cases of Influenza and Pneumonia were notified.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were a total of 17 new cases notified during the year seven less than in 1952. 3 cases were removed from the registe on recovery and 5 deaths occurred during the year. 20 cases we transferred into the area and 12 were transferred out. The dea rate for the four areas was 0.15, and that for England and Wales was 0.20.

HOUSING.

Although many young people are still waiting for houses, an new applications are being added every week, there is much less distress and anxiety about the matter and there are signs that w are quickly catching up with the demand. The rehousing of fami a living in unsatisfactory properties is now needing immediate consideration. The Housing Survey of some years ago does not give a true picture of the state of existing properties, for in some cases repairs and improvements have been carried out and in others further deterioriation has taken place. Every effort is being made to inspect all low grade properties and to get improvements carried out where possible and failing this to reco e demolition

CARE OF OLD PEOPLE.

Hospital accommodation is stil very difficult to obtain bu in one of two urgent cases I have been concerned with beds have been provided at short notice and it would seem that there is a slight easing of pressure for beds. The most serious difficult is in getting suitable care and attention for old persons who though not physically ill are failing mentally and are a menace themselves and those with whom they live. The private resident l homes for old persons in our areas are always full and are doing useful work. There are a number of very successful Clubs in th areas, and a limited amount of visiting of old persons takes pla A long felt want for a chiropody service is soon to be fulfilled Mr. A.F.S. Spendlove of Hythe runs a Red Cross Chiropody Clinic for those who belong to the Friendship Club of the Society and h is to start one for the old folk of Hythe in the near future. Lyminge, Aye and Lympne are also likely to enjoy this service an it is hoped to bring this really essential treatment to the old people of all the areas. The added mobility and comfort it wil ensure will amply repay the efforts being made to enlarge the service.

WATER AND SEWERAGE.

Progress in improving water supplies and in installing main drainage have been made in the three rural areas and other schemes are under consideration. Here again there are hopeful signs that the schemes held up for so long may now become possible.

There is no doubt that as water is laid on to more and more properties and the number of new houses increases the problem of sewerage becomes an increasingly urgent one. There are many of the larger villages where the laying of sewers is a very real necessity and it is to be hoped that the schemes now being re-considered by the Councils will receive Ministry approval in the near future.

An average of about 85% of properties in the four areas are on mains water (99% in Hythe and about 81% in the three rural areas).

CLEAN FOOD.

Much effort in all areas has been made to improve the standard of cleanliness in food shops, restaurants, public houses and in all premises where food is handled and prepared. Good results have already been obtained, especially in raising the standards of the more primitive and illequipped premises, and this should result in progressive improvement in all establishments. The retailing of only wrapped ice cream is urged in the four areas and the standard of samples taken for examination has been good.

One small outbreak of food poisoning involving eight persons arose in one of the rural areas and no case of Salmonella infection was notified during the year.

Where food is condemned as unfit for human consumption it is in the main taken over by Eastern By-Products Ltd. and by Southern By-Products Ltd and appropriately dealt with by them. We deplore the continued use of newspaper for wrapping - especially of fish and meat and hope it will soon be discontinued.

GENERAL.

The general work of the Health Departments has run smoothly and every help has been given me by the officers of my own and other departments and by members of the Councils and I thank them all for their generous co-operation.

I remain, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.

SECTION A.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1953.

AREA: 3,030 acres.

POPULATION:

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year population of the District was 9,192 (9,188 for 1952)

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 3,071

RATEABLE VALUE: £100,138

SUM REPRESENTED BY PENNY RATE: £400 (estimated)

STAFF:

Chief Sanitary Inspector & Housing Manager	Mr. John Plim Cert.R.S.I. Cert. Meat & Foods Inspector.
Additional Sanitary Inspector	Mr. John Kemp. Cert.R.S.I.
Shorthand-Typist/Clerk	Miss R.A. Dray
Foreman	Mr. E. Stokes
Refuse Collection. Cesspool emptying Refuse Disposal	2 drivers 7 collectors 1 tip attendant.
Housing	1 plumber and fitter 1 carpenter 2 painters & general hands 1 assistant fitter.
Rodent Operator	1
Slaughterhouse attendant	1

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	M.	F.		Hythe	Englan & Wale
1. Live Births	107	60	47	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	13.00	15.5
(a) Legitimate	102	56	46			
(b) Illegitimate	5	4	1			
2. Still Births	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	0.00	0.3
(a) Legitimate	-	-	-			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. Deaths	124	60	64	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	8.89	11.4
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes						
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still) births	-	0.1
(b) Other maternal causes (including abortion)	-	-	-		-	0.6
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	2	1	1	Rate per 1,000 live births	18.69	26.8
(a) Legitimate	1	-	1			
(b) Illegitimate	1	1	-			
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	2	1	-			
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	1.1
7. Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	-	0.01
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	-	-	-		-	0.01
Deaths from Influenza (all ages)	-	-	-		-	0.16
Deaths from Tuberculosis	2	1	1		0.21	0.20
8. Deaths from Cancer	24	12	12			

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Causes of Death, 1953.

	ALL CAUSES	Males 60	Females 64
1.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	1	1
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic diseases ...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria ...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough ...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections ...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis ...	1	-
8.	Measles ...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	-	-
10.	Cancer of the stomach ...	1	1
11.	Cancer of lungs and bronchus ...	2	3
12.	Cancer of breast ...	-	5
13.	Cancer of uterus ...	-	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .	9	1
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	-	-
16.	Diabetes ...	1	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	7	1
18.	Coronary diseases, Angina ...	11	6
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ...	1	3
20.	Other heart disease ...	8	22
21.	Other circulatory diseases ...	4	3
22.	Influenza ...	-	-
23.	Pneumonia ...	-	1
24.	Bronchitis ...	2	-
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system ...	-	2
26.	Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum ...	3	-
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	-	-
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate ...	3	-
30.	Pregnancy, child birth and abortion ...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformation ...	-	-
32.	Other defined and illdefined diseases ...	5	5
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ...	-	-
34.	All other accidents ...	1	1
35.	Suicide ...	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-

The death rate has again fallen slightly this year and only two infant deaths occurred, one a M. at 4 days due to birth injuries and the other a F. at 3 hours due to prematurity.

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory Facilities.

As in previous years these are provided by the Kent County Council's Central Laboratory Maidstone which gives a satisfactory and complete service for the needs of the Borough.

Ambulance.

The Ambulance Service is administered by the County Council and the area is adequately served under this scheme.

Nursing Homes.

The Registration of Nursing Homes is administered by the County Council. There are two Nursing Homes in Hythe, one taking mainly maternity cases and the other mainly surgical and medical cases.

Maternity and Child Welfare and Midwifery Services.

The County Council is the authority responsible for these services, and the Hythe Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Prospect Road continues to be well attended.

Diphtheria Immunisations are carried out at the Centre; one session a month is set aside for this purpose on the 2nd Friday of each month, in the afternoon. Vaccinations are also done at the same time. More use should be made of these services for only slightly more than 50% of the children have been either immunised or vaccinated.

SECTION C.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases.

The following table shows details of diseases notified during the year:-

Diseases	No. of cases Notified	No. of cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever	9	3	-
Whooping Cough	67	3	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	145	3	-
Pneumonia	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	1	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	3	2	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Total	227	14	1

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TUBERCULOSIS 1953.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Recoveries			
	Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
45.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65.	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
age not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	5	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.53 = 56.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Numbers for 1953	32	23	-	1	56
" " 1952	31	20	1	2	54
" " 1951	33	22	2	1	58
" " 1950	32	24	2	1	59
" " 1949	27	27	2	2	58
" " 1948	24	25	3	2	54
" " 1947	24	18	3	1	46

Immunisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox.

These services are administered by the Kent County Council and the work is carried out at Welfare Centres and by Private Practitioners. Our thanks are again due to the County Medical Officer of Health for his courtesy in making available to us his figures relating to these services.

Immunisation.

During the year 98 children received primary inoculations against Diphtheria and 87 received reinforcing inoculations. A total of 305 children of 0-4 years had been immunised by the end of 1953. This is about 59% of the children of this age group. There has been no improvement in the numbers receiving protection and the figure is far too low for safety.

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Vaccination.

The number of children under one year of age vaccinated against smallpox was 54. Of the children aged 0-4 years 76 received primary vaccination; this shows a decrease in the number of children protected during the year.

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) Water.

The district is supplied by the Council's own water undertaking and the supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity for the need of the static population.

Examinations of samples taken during the Year.

	No.	Bacteriological	No.	Chemical
Raw Water	76	57 good 19 unsatisfactory	26	25 good 1 unsatisfactory
Treated Water	25	25 good	-	-
Total	101			26

Approximately 99% of the total number of dwelling houses is supplied by public water mains and the rest by means of standpipes.

All supplies are chlorinated before entry to the distributing main.

(2) Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No additions or improvements have been made during the year and no new schemes of construction have been proposed.

(The following sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector.)

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(3) General.

	No. in District	No. of Inspections	No. of Defects Found	No. of Defects remedied
Bakehouses	6	22	-	-
Dairies	3	35	-	-
Ice Cream Premises	31	93	-	-
Slaughterhouses	1	715	(public	slaughterhouse)
Other places where food is prepared or sold	57	546	28	28
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-
Factories (other than for food preparation)	69	97	3	3

Analysis of nuisances and defects remedied during the year under Public Health and Housing Acts.

Roofs	5
Walls (external)	4
Chimney Stacks	4
Rainwater pipes	1
Gutters	6
Dampness	7
Wall plaster	6
Ceilings	3
Floors	2
Windows	5
Sashcords	5
Additional lighting and ventilation	6
Additional vebtilation	4
Doors	4
Cooking and heating appliances	1
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	-
Drainage -	
(a) Reconstructed and new	1
(b) Repaired	2
(c) Cleaned	4
Septic tank plant and cesspools repair	4
Other defects	5
W.Cs. (a) Renewed	2
(b) Repaired	-
Offensive Accumulations	4
Keeping of animals	-

Food Premises:	Redecorated	4
	Cleansed	7
	W.Cs Cleansed	1
	W.Cs Repaired	1
	Urinals Cleansed	1
	Washing Facilities Provided	2
	Protection of Food-stuffs	10
	W.Cs Provided	2
Contraventions:	Piggeries	1
	Stables	1
	Moveable Dwellings	1

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Total No. of inspections of all kinds during the year	2525
No. of premises connected to main sewers	2689
No. of premises connected to cesspools	105
No. of premises with pail closets	3
No. of premises with earth closets or middens	2
No. of premises not connected to Public water supply	14
No. of Statutory Notices served	5
No. of Informal Notices served	54
No. of premises disinfected	21

Notices Served	Informal	Formal
Under Public Health & Housing Acts	39	5
" Food and Drugs Act	12	-
" Shops Acts	2	-
" Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	1	-

4. Rodent Control

Treatment of infestation of private dwellings is carried out free of charge but charges are made for rodent control work done at other premises. The following table shows the rodent control work carried out during the year.

	Type of Property				Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agri-cultural	All other (including Business)	
Properties inspected					
(a) By notification	3	135	1	17	15
(b) Otherwise	4	35	1	378	4
No. of properties found to be infested by rats:					
Major	-	3	1	-	
Minor	6	107	-	8	12
No. of infested properties treated	6	110	1	8	12
No. of treatments (inc.re-treatments)	9	149	1	10	16
No. of properties found to be infested by mice:					
Major	-	2	-	1	
Minor	1	25	-	4	3
No. of infested properties treated	1	27	-	5	3
No. of treatments (inc.re-treatments)	2	30	-	9	4
No. of visits recorded by Rodent Operator	57	1010	8	113	118

Disinfection and Disinfestation

5 premises were treated for fleas, 22 wasps nests were destroyed and 21 disinfections were carried out.

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5. Refuse Collection and Disposal.

A weekly service of refuse collection from domestic premises and from other premises paying a trade refuse collection charge of 3d. per bin has been maintained during the year.

In addition 106 cesspools have been emptied.

The Scammell Mechanical Horse with Eagle cesspool emptier trailer which was 16 years old was scrapped during the early part of the year, and all emptyings are now carried out for us by the Elham Rural District Council at a charge recently fixed at £1 per load.

The attention of the Council has been drawn during the year to the undesirability of cesspool drainage, and it is regretted that out of 42 new houses built by private enterprise during the year 18 of them are not connected to the sewer. The extension of main drainage to West Hythe is a question requiring urgent attention.

This year the Ministry of Local Government have resumed the pre-war system of requiring costing returns from certain Local Authorities (including all Boroughs).

The costs of Collection and disposal reported on these returns were:-

	per 1000 population	per ton
Refuse Collection	£488	£2.0.2d.
Refuse Disposal	£ 94	4.1d.

The land reclamation scheme at Princes Parade is proceeding satisfactorily.

Salvage.

The income from salvage sales during the year was £332. 11. 8d.

SECTION E.

FOOD.

(a) Milk and Dairies.

The Registrations and Licences issued by this Authority during the year are as follows:-

Registered Dairies	4
Registered Distributors	9
Tuberculin Tested - Dealer's Licence	3
Tuberculin Tested - Supplementary Dealer's Licences	4
Pasteurised - Supplementary Dealer's Licence	4

The following samples under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1949 were taken during the year:-

	Samples Taken	Unsatisfactory
Tuberculin Tested Milk (Methylene Blue Test)	20	5
Milk Bottles	9	nil
Cleansing Fluids	8	3

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The Methylene Blue Test is for keeping quality and Milk Bottles and Cleansing Fluids are submitted for tests of sterility. Appropriate action was taken on all unsatisfactory reports.

The registration and inspection of Pasteurising plants is undertaken by the Kent County Council as the Food & Drugs Authority for the area, and samples of pasteurised milk are taken periodically by this Authority.

The following table includes all reports received from the County Laboratory.	Samples reported upon	Satisfactory	Un-Satisfactory
Methylene Blue Test			
Tuberculin Tested Milk	20	14	6
T.T. Pasteurised Milk	3	3	-
T.T. (Channel Island) Milk	1	-	1
Pasteurised Milk	4	4	-
Biological Test			
Tuberculin Tested	3	3	-
Pasteurised	2	2	-

(b) Ice Cream.

The following samples of ice cream were taken for bacteriological examination under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947.

	Samples	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Wrapped	6	5	1	-	-
Unwrapped	21	13	5	2	1

There are 31 premises where ice cream is stored and sold.

(c) Meat (Home Killed)
Public Slaughterhouse.

The slaughter of all home killed meat continued under the control of the Ministry of Food during the year but it has been announced that this arrangement will cease during 1954.

It will be necessary, therefore, for the Council to give consideration to the future operation of the Public Slaughterhouse when the present agreement with the Ministry of Food ceases.

It is expected that some form of centralised control of slaughtering will remain because the Minister of Food has stated (November 25th, 1953) that "An Interdepartmental Committee has been appointed to recommend where slaughterhouses should be sited under the policy of moderate concentration which I announced on November 5th, 1952. Local Authorities and private interests will be encouraged to build new slaughterhouses at such places as may be agreed."

The Council's Public Slaughterhouse at Dymchurch Road has, of course, been of very great value during the war and up to the present time in providing the only place over a wide area of South East Kent where home killed meat could be produced under reasonable conditions. In fact it was the only Public Slaughterhouse in Kent until the Ministry's slaughterhouse at Canterbury came into operation last year.

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Meat (Home Killed)
Public Slaughterhouse (Contd.)

The Hythe Slaughterhouse however was only designed for local use when it was built in 1931 and if it were required to fit into a permanent scheme for a larger purpose considerable alterations and additions would be necessary.

There is the further consideration that if the Council is required to operate the slaughterhouse under the present system, the charges fixed by the Byelaws with respect to the Public Slaughterhouse should be amended and application should be made to the Minister of Local Government for that purpose.

It will also be necessary to give consideration to any proposals which may be made for the establishment of privately owned slaughterhouses in the Borough.

The number of animals killed at the Public Slaughterhouse in 1953 was:-

Cattle	3237
Calves	928
Sheep	7675
Pigs	104

The weight of all meat condemned at the Slaughterhouse during the year was 25 tons 6 cwts 24 lbs.

The income from slaughtering charges during the year was £839. 2s. 9d.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle Exc. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	2598	639	928	7675	104
All Diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned	1	6	16	44	5
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	510	289	4	776	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other then Tuberculosis.	19.67	46.17	2.16	10.68	10.58
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	18	27	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	154	106	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	6.62	20.81	-	-	0.96

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(d) Other Foods.

During the year the following foodstuffs were surrendered as unsound and unfit for food in shops and other premises where food is prepared or sold.

7	tins	Fish	2 lbs. 8ozs.
45	"	Meat	102 lbs. 10ozs.
104	"	Vegetables	140 lbs. 13½ ozs.
32	"	Fish Paste	4 lbs. 8¼ ozs.
3	"	Fish Roes	2 lbs. 7¼ ozs.
125	"	Fruit	175 lbs. 14½ ozs.
74	"	Milk	66 lbs.
7	"	Soup	6 lbs. 7½ ozs.
4	"	Jam	5 lbs.
2	"	Golden Syrup	2 lbs.
1	"	Spaghetti	15 ozs.
1	"	Coffee	8 ozs.
2	jars	Piccalilli	1 lb. 6 ozs.
1	"	Horseradish Sauce	2½ ozs.
19	bars	Milk Chocolate	2 lbs. 6 ozs.
1	btl.	Lemon Squash	
1	block	Marzipan	8 ozs.
1	pkt.	Semolina	8 ozs.
9	pkts.	Wholewheat Biscuits	4 lbs. 3½ ozs.
1	pkt	Shredded Wheat	
		Chocolate Sandwich wafers	12 lbs. 10 ozs.
		Dried Prunes	60 lbs.
		Cheese	22 lbs. 12½ ozs.
		Meat	7 cwts. 1qr. 7 lbs.
		Kippers	3 stone.
		Sausages	29 lbs.

(e) Food Shops and Food Handling.

Last year a comprehensive statement was presented for adoption by the Council as a standard to be applied, as far as possible, to all premises where food is handled or sold in the Borough.

These recommendations were based on the reports of the Interdepartmental Committee on Meat Inspection, The Catering Trades Working Party and the Working Party on Manufactured Meat Products.

Copies of the statement were sent out to all Food traders whose premises were not regarded as satisfactory and many visits and interviews have taken place with the object of securing improvements.

Many practical difficulties have arisen during these discussions, and in some shops lack of room to put in new sinks, wash basins, w.c's, drainage, etc. has made great improvement impossible.

Most traders, however, have shown a desire to co-operate and the amended tabulated list given below shows that some improvement has been secured during the year. Work is now proceeding in some shops and others will carry out work as opportunity offers so that it should be possible to report still further improvement in the future. No new shops have been allowed to open until the recommendations of the Council were carried out.

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.

	No. in District	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Butchers	11	1	5	4	1
Bakers & Confectioners	6	3	3	-	-
Cafes & Restaurants	21	4	13	2	2
Fishmongers & Fish Friers	6	-	2	3	1
General, Ice Cream, etc.	24	-	5	15	4
Greengrocers	12	1	2	4	5
Grocers	14	1	9	4	-
Milkshops	3	-	3	-	-
Total	97	10	42	32	13
Comparable figures for 1952	97	10	29	32	27

SECTION F.

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

   1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) — 68

      (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose — 84

   2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 — 5

      (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose — 8

   3. Number of dwelling houses not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation — 39

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year Without Service of Formal Notices

   Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers — 32

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

   A. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

      1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied — 1

      2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices

         (a) By Owners — 1
         (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners — Nil

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.

Housing (Contd.)

B. Proceedings under Housing Act

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	1
3. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
4. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined	1

Council Houses

374 Council houses were in occupation at the end of the year.

8 Council houses were completed in 1953 making a total of 139 completed since the war.

The houses are comprised as follows:-

3 bedroomed type	2 bedroomed type	1 bedroomed type
231	106	37

There are also 11 premises providing 13 housing units under requisition. Two properties were derequisitioned during the year

The sum allocated to the Repairs Fund was fixed at £10 per house as from 1st April, 1953. Maintenance has been carried out by the Council's staff and all houses are in good repair. Much improvement work has been carried out in the pre-war houses, by way of removal of older types of cooking ranges, substitution of open fires and hot water installations, replacement of old type washing coppers with more modern gas coppers, etc. All this improvement work has been carried out on the basis of sharing expenses with the tenant, usually the tenant paying for new grates, coppers, etc., and the Council's staff doing the work of installation. In some cases however the tenant has voluntarily borne the whole cost of purchase and installing.

No improvement work has been undertaken inmpost war houses.

There are at the moment 62 properties in course of erection comprised as follows:-

28	3	bedroom	houses
8	2	"	"
8	2	"	flats
8	1	"	"
10	1	"	bungalows

BOROUGH OF HYTHE.

Analysis of present list of applications for Council Houses.

	Dec. 1953
Total number of applications - 2 or 3 bedroom houses.	214
Total number of applications - 1 bedroom flats or bungalows	73
	287

	2 or 3 bedroom accom.	1 bedroom accom.
Applications from people residing in the Borough who occupy houses or flats	53	27
Applications from people residing in the Borough who live in lodgings	101	20
Applications from people residing outside the Borough who occupy houses or flats	37	16
Applications from people residing outside the Borough who live in lodgings	23	10

SECTION G.

FACTORIES

One power factory has been deleted from the Register during the year. The present number of factories is 87 (38 power and 49 non-power).

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

SECTION A.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1953.

AREA: 51,398 acres

POPULATION:

The Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year population of the District was 10,430 an increase of 40 on last year's figure.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 3,495

RATEABLE VALUE: £48,385

SUM REPRESENTED BY PENNY RATE: £195 (estimated)

STAFF:

Sanitary Inspector	Mr. R. Stevenson M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Rodent Operator and Salvage Collector	Mr. H.C. Simpkins
Clerical Assistant (part time)	Miss A. Williams
Driver Loaders (Refuse and Salvage)	Mr. W.J. Holmes Mr. L. Woolley.

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	M.	F.		E. Ashford Rural	Engl & Wal
1. Live Births	152	74	78	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	16.31	15.9
(a) Legitimate	142	69	73			
(b) Illegitimate	10	5	5			
2. Still Births	4	2	2	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	0.38	0.3
(a) Legitimate	4	2	2			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
3. Deaths	114	50	64	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	8.40	11.4
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes	-	-	-			
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still births)	-	0.1
(b) Other maternal causes (including abortion)	-	-	-		-	0.6
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	4	2	2	Rate per 1,000 live births	19.7	26.8
(a) Legitimate	4	2	2			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	3	2	1			
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	1.1
7. Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	-	0.01
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polioencephalitis)	-	-	-			0.01
Deaths from Influenza (all ages)	2	-	2		0.19	0.16
Deaths from Pneumonia	7	2	5		0.67	0.55
Deaths from Tuberculosis	-	-	-		-	0.20
Deaths from Cancer	17	9	8			

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

Causes of Death 1953.

ALL CAUSES		Males 50	Females 64
1.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	-	-
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Diseases ...	1	-
4.	Diphtheria ...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough ...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections ...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis ...	-	-
8.	Measles ...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	-	-
10.	Cancer of the stomach ...	-	1
11.	Cancer of lungs and bronchus ...	1	1
12.	Cancer of breast ...	-	2
13.	Cancer of uterus ...	-	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .	8	2
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	-	1
16.	Diabetes ...	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	12	7
18.	Coronary disease, Angina ...	11	7
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ...	1	2
20.	Other heart disease ...	8	10
21.	Other circulatory diseases ...	3	2
22.	Influenza ...	-	2
23.	Pneumonia ...	2	5
24.	Bronchitis ...	2	4
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system ...	-	1
26.	Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum ...	4	-
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	-	-
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	2	5
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate ...	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, child birth and abortion ...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformation ...	-	-
32.	Other defined and illdefined diseases ...	2	8
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ...	1	-
34.	All other accidents ...	1	1
35.	Suicide ...	1	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-

There were 22 fewer deaths than in the previous year and no deaths from tuberculosis occurred; the reduction would appear mainly in the groups relating to diseases of the heart and circulatory systems. There were four infants deaths, one F. aged 10 minutes died from prematurity, one F. aged 3 months from Asphyxia by inadvertence, and one M. aged 20 hours from prematurity and accidental haemorrhage, and a further M. aged 3 weeks from Lobar pneumonia.

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the Kent County Council's Central Laboratory at Maidstone which gives a complete and satisfactory service for the area.

Ambulance.

An ambulance service is provided by the St. John Ambulance Brigade centred at Ashford and working under the County Council scheme gives an efficient and satisfactory service.

Nursing Homes.

The registration of Nursing Homes is a duty delegated to this Authority by the Kent County Council. There is one such home in the area taking 3 maternity, and 6 medical cases.

Maternity and Child Welfare Services.

The County Council is the authority responsible for these services.

SECTION C.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases.

Disease	No. of cases Notified	No. of cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	7	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	-	-
Whooping Cough	92	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	116	-	-
Pneumonia	6	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-

The number of cases of infectious disease was low - apart from the usual two yearly peak for measles and whooping cough - and no case of poliomyelitis occurred in the area.

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TUBERCULOSIS 1953.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Recoveries			
	Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
age not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.53 = 70

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number for 1953	27	24	13	6	70
" " 1952	24	23	13	5	65
" " 1951	23	23	14	5	65
" " 1950	20	21	15	5	61
" " 1949	19	20	16	7	62
" " 1948	23	17	17	9	66
" " 1947	20	18	14	9	61

The number of cases on the Pulmonary Tuberculosis register has risen slightly due mainly to transfers into the district from other areas.

Immunisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox.

It is again possible, through the courtesy of the County Medical Officer of Health, to give figures relating to these services.

Immunisation.

During the year under review 127 children received primary inoculations and 135 reinforcing doses. Of the children 0-4 years of age a total of 328 have completed a course of immunisation - this represents about 52% of the children of this age group. These figures are a slight improvement on the last year, but they cannot be regarded as satisfactory.

Vaccination.

During the year 54 infants of under one year were vaccinated and of the children 0-4 years 92 had received primary vaccination against Smallpox by the end of the year. This is no improvement on last year's figures.

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The following Sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(1) Water.

A system of water mains exists in every parish of the Rural District and the supply generally is good. During the year 1953 five extensions of water mains were made in the parishes of Aldington, Bonnington, Boughton Aluph and Warehorne. Three other extensions at Sevington, Smeeth and Mersham were awaiting commencement. During the year, three other extensions at Hampton Lane, Brabourne, Blackwall Road Hinxhill, and Old Naccolt, Wye were approved for grant aid and are expected to be completed during the year 1954.

The following is a list showing the number and proportion of houses connected with main water supplies in each parish of the Rural District in 1953:-

PARISH	No. of dwelling Houses.	No. of Houses connected with:- Mid-Kent Water Co's Mains	Ashford Urban Supply	Folkestone Water Co.
Aldington	264	219		
Bilsington	107	94		
Bonnington	39	37		
Boughton Aluph	219	193		
Brabourne	264	213		
Brook	57	61		
Challock	119	126		
Chilham	427	402		
Crundale	59	61		
Eastwell	41	26		
Godmersham	101	95		
Hastingleigh	78	84		
Hinxhill	22	-	11	
Mersham	244	201		
Molash	88	83		
Orlestone	175	159		
Ruckinge	232	184		
Sevington	60	-	39	
Smeeth	196	165		8
Warehorne	120	106		
Wye	585	485		
Totals	3497	2994	50	8

The Mid-Kent Water Company have monthly bacteriological examinations of the raw water taken from each of their Pumping Stations; all water is chlorinated. Particulars of the examinations and analyses are supplied and there has been no form of contamination. The Ashford Urban Water Supply is subject to routine sampling of the water both for bacteriological (quarterly) and Chemical analyses. The reports have been entirely satisfactory.

80 more houses, including new houses, were connected with existing water mains during the year 1953.

87% of the number of dwelling houses in the district are supplied by public water mains and a very few by stand pipes.

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Examinations of other samples taken by the Sanitary Inspector during the year

	No.	Bacteriological	No.	Chemical
Raw Water	5	1 high bacterial count 4 evidence of recent contamination	Nil	-
Treated Water	4	4 good	Nil	-
Total	9		-	-

(2) Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The villages of Wye and Hamstreet are drained and sewered. Smaller scale sewerage systems also drain parts of Mersham, The Square, Chilham and Brabourne Lees. A new sewage works at Mersham is now in operation. Sewerage and sewage disposal works at Hamstreet and Wye are at Inquiry stage. Consideration is also being given to the provision of sewers and sewage disposal works in the vicinity of "The Square" Chilham and also at Ruckinge and Aldington.

(3) General.

	No. in District	No. of Inspections	No. of Defects found	No. of Defects remedied
Bakehouses	9	12	3	2
Dairies	4	6	2	1
Ice Cream Premises	33	8	-	-
Slaughterhouses	8	-	-	-
Other places where food is prepared	9	4	-	-
Offensive Trades	1	2	1	1
Factories	49	27	2	2

Analysis of Nuisances and defects remedied during the year under Public Health and Housing Acts.

Roofs	15
Walls (external)	9
Chimney stacks	4
Rainwater pipes	4
Gutters	3
Dampness	13
Wall plaster	9
Ceilings	8
Floors	8
Windows	5
Sashcords	-
Additional lighting and ventilation	4
Additional ventilation	-
Doors	7
Cooking and heating appliances	2
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	12
Drainage -	
(a) Reconstructed and new	22
(b) Repaired	11
(c) Cleaned	4
Septic tank plant and cesspools repair	7
Other defects	
W.Cs. (a) Renewed	3
(b) Repaired	5
Offensive Accumulations	3
Keeping of Animals	2

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

Total No. of inspections of all kinds during the year.....	2459
No. of premises connected to main sewers.....	607
No. of premises connected to cesspools.....	2848
No. of premises with pail closets.....	990
No. of premises with earth closets or middens.....	45
No. of premises not connected to Public Water Supply.....	503
No. of Statutory Notices served.....	8
No. of Informal Notices served.....	74
No. of premises disinfected.....	5

Statutory Notices
Under the Housing Act, 1936:

Notice of intention to consider making of Closing Orders....	1
Closing Orders.....	1
Closing Orders Determined.....	1
Section 9 (Repairs).....	2

Under the Public Health Act, 1936:

Nuisance Abatement Notices.....	2
Water Supplies (Section 138).....	1
Total	8

(4) Control of Infestation.
Rodent Control.

117 infestations with rats and mice were dealt with by the Council's partntime Rodent Operator. Routine baiting and gassing of rats on the Council's three refuse tipe was undertaken and satisfactory results obtained. An annual retest of the Council's sewerage systems at Wye, Hamstreet, Mersham and Brabourne Lees gave negative results with the exception of a small infestation at Brabourne Lees which was soon cleared. There are no large scale sources of rat infestation in the district.

Insect Infestation.

18 infestations with bugs, fleas, ants, cockroaches, flies, wasps, etc. were dealt with partly by the loan of sprayers and powder blowers with insecticides and by the giving of advise on the subject.

(5) Refuse Collection and Disposal.

As from June, 1953, the collection of house refuse in the larger part of the District was increased from one a month to once a fortnight. A weekly collection continues to be made in the town area of Wye, and in the more scattered and less populated areas there is a collection once every 28 days. The increased collections of refuse replaced a special monthly collection of salvage paper which had become uneconomic. Limited amounts of salvage paper are now collected at the same time as house refuse and a special compartment of the refuse vehicle is available for this purpose. During the year 1953, 109 tons of paper valued at £730. and. 14½ cwts. of rags valued at £16.4.0d. were salvaged.

Three refuse tips are in use for the disposal of house refuse, the first being near Drylands Farm, Molash, the second at White Hill, Boughton Aluph and the third at the Kent County Quarry, Aldington. Two of these refuse tips consist of large disused chalk pits and the other is the disused part of a rock quarry.

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Emptying of cesspools.

The emptyingoof cesspools in all parts of the district is undertaken by the Council twice yearly on written request being made by householders. During the year 1953 the number so emptied was 1,000. This work is carried out by contract.

Emptying of pail-closets.

The emptying of pail-closets is carried out in the Parish of Boughton Aluph and part of the Parish of Chilham. In the Parish of Boughton Aluph the emptying takes place once weekly, by contract, and the number to be emptied is approximately 69. In the Parish of Chilham the emptying is carried out twice weekly in an area covering The Square, The Street and the Railway Station and the number to be emptied remains at 30.

SECTION E.

FOOD.

(a) Milk.

Apart from producer retailers there are only four retail dairies in the district and none for the wholesale handling or distribution of milk.

The number of samples taken for bacteriological examination was 1. No evidence of Tuberculosis was found.

(b) Ice Cream.

33 shops and other premises are registered for the sale or storage of Ice Cream. There are no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the district.

(c) Meat.

Slaughterhouses.

There are no slaughterhouses in ordinary use in the district. 8 butchers are registered for the sale or manufacture of sausages.

Unsound Food.

On four occasions quantities of meat and offal totalling 557 lbs. was condemned at butchers shops in the district. On three occasions small quantities of tinned meat and other foods were condemned at shops.

SECTION F.

HOUSING.

33 new Council houses were erected and completed in the district during the year 1953, in addition to 33 by private enterprise. 29 houses were improved and repaired on informal notice - preliminary to formal notice - under the Housing and Public Health Acts.

The total number of post war houses erected to 31/12/53 is 475.

EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT.

Rural Housing Survey.

This survey was completed, with the exception of about 36 houses, some years ago but is not now quite applicable as many of the cottages and houses, especially in the lower groups, 3, 4 and 5, have been altered and improved and more improvement of existing properties is likely to take place in view of the financial aid now obtainable.

Action under Statutory Powers.

Houses demolished in pursuance of sub-section (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936..... Nil

Number of houses or parts of houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936..... 1

Number of houses in respect of which undertakings were given to close for habitation - by the owners under Section 11(3) of the Housing Act, 1936..... Nil

No. of houses repaired and made habitable on notice served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936..... Nil

Hop Pickers Camps.

Little change has taken place in these camps during the year, but improvements in detail have been suggested and adopted.

The accommodation for hop pickers consists of some 649 huts with cookhouse and closet accommodation at 13 camps all of which are situated in the parish of Chilham and the number of imported pickers occupying these is about 2,000. The huts generally are in a fair and weatherproof condition, some however, are of a more modern type than others. Water supplies are almost entirely from the main supply and sufficient for the ordinary needs of the pickers. With the exception of a few pail closets the closet accommodation is entirely of the portable type. In spite of a drive to improve the hygiene and general amenities of the camps during occupation very little improvement resulted. The pickers continued to neglect to use the refuse receptacles provided and much litter of food and paper was at all times present. In some cases certain families combined to use and keep clean the closets which served their part of the camp but other closets inspected were in some cases very fouled and unpleasant.

First-aid dispensaries continue their good work at certain of the camps and are provided by the Church of England Mission to Hop Pickers and by the Ashford Branch of the British Red Cross Society

Inspections of the Camps were made during occupation by Dr. H.M. Elliott of the Ministry of Health, the Medical Officer of Health and by the Sanitary Inspector. A total of 43 visits were made to the camps during the season.

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

SECTION A.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1953.

REA: 36,685 acres

OPULATION:

he Registrar-General's estimate of the mid year opulation of the District was 9,188.

UMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 2,949

ATEABLE VALUE: £58,625

UM REPRESENTED BY PENNY RATE: £235 (estimated)

TAFF:

~~urveyor and~~ Sanitary Inspector and Housing Surveyor.	Mr. Robert Finn, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Cert. Meat and Foods Inspector
lerk and Typist	Miss J. Smee.
efuse Collection and esspool Emptying	4 drivers 6 loaders 2 sewage disposal works attendants.
pdent Operator (part time)	Mr. E.C. Piddock

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	M.	F.		Elham R.D.	England & Wales
1. Live Births	134	71	63	Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	15.6	15.5
(a) Legitimate	126	67	59			
(b) Illegitimate	8	4	4			
2. Still Births	2	1	1	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	0.21	0.35
(a) Legitimate	2	1	1			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
* 3. Deaths (excluding non residents registered in the district)	104	50	54	Death rate per 1,000 resident population	7.45	11.4
4. Deaths from Puerperal Causes						
(a) Puerperal sepsis (including abortion with sepsis)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 (live & still) births	-	0.16
(b) Other maternal causes (including abortion)	-	-	-		-	0.60
5. Deaths of Infants under one year of age (all causes)	3	2	1	Rate per 1,000 live births	22.3	26.8
(a) Legitimate	3	2	1			
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-			
5A. Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	1	-	1			
6. Deaths from Enteritis and Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 live births	-	1.1
7. Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	-	Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	-	0.01
Deaths from Acute Poliomyelitis (including Polio-encephalitis)	-	-	-		-	0.01
Deaths from Influenza (all ages)	2	1	1		0.21	0.16
Deaths from Tuberculosis	2	1	1		0.21	0.20
Deaths from Pneumonia	5	4	1		0.54	0.55
* 3a. Deaths (including non residents registered in the district)	202	99	103		14.5	11.4

ELHAM RURAL DISTRICT.

Causes of Death 1953.

ALL CAUSES		Males 99	Females 103
1.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	-	1
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Diseases ...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria ...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough ...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections ...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis ...	-	-
8.	Measles ...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	-	-
10.	Cancer of the stomach ...	3	3
11.	Cancer of lungs and bronchus ...	1	-
12.	Cancer of breast ...	-	3
13.	Cancer of uterus ...	-	3
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms (cancer) ...	10	5
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	1	1
16.	Diabetes ...	1	2
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	23	25
18.	Coronary disease, Angina ...	6	4
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ...	2	4
20.	Other heart disease ...	23	30
21.	Other circulatory diseases ...	5	2
22.	Infleunza ...	1	1
23.	Pneumonia ...	4	1
24.	Bronchitis ...	3	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system ...	-	-
26.	Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum ...	3	-
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	2	1
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	2	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate ...	1	-
30.	Pregnancy, child birth and abortion ...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformation ...	1	1
32.	Other defined and illdefined diseases ...	3	13
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ...	-	-
34.	All other accidents ...	2	1
35.	Suicide ...	1	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-

As St. Mary's Hospital, Etchinghill is in this area all the deaths occurring there are returned as deaths in the Elham Rural District and are included in the above table. As many of these persons were admitted from outside areas their numbers have been deducted for the purpose of estimating the death rate of the normal resident population in order to give a fair comparison with other areas.

The infant deaths (under one year) were three in number: one M. aged 2 months, from Suppurative meningitis with Congenital Hydrocephalus, one F. aged 1 week with Microcephalus and other malformations and one M. aged 3 weeks from accidental asphyxia. One F. child died at 2 years from Adenocarcinoma kidneys.

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Laboratory Facilities.

As in previous years the Kent County Council's Central Laboratory at Maidstone gives a satisfactory and complete service for the needs of the area.

Ambulance.

This service is also under the Kent County Council and is working satisfactorily from the point of view of our area.

Nursing Homes.

The registration and supervision of Nursing Homes is carried out by the Kent County Council.

Maternity and Child Welfare, Midwifery and Home Help Services.

The County Council is the authority responsible for these services. The areas allotted to the County Council Health Visitors do not correspond with the District Council's areas but co-ordination is good.

SECTION C.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Notifiable Diseases.

The following table shows details of diseases notified during the year:-

Diseases	No. of cases notified	No. of cases removed to Hospital	No. of Deaths
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	10	2	-
Whooping Cough	17	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	86	2	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	7	-	-

The incidence of infectious disease was very low; rather more cases of mild scarlet fever were notified - as has been the case in other areas also.

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TUBERCULOSIS 1953.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths				Recoveries			
	Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:		Pulm:		Non-Pulm:	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
35.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
age not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

Total number of cases on the Register at 31.12.53 = 63.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Numbers for 1953	37	21	1	4	63
" " 1952	37	21	1	4	63
" " 1951	30	18	-	5	53
" " 1950	29	18	-	5	52
" " 1949	28	17	-	6	51
" " 1948	27	22	-	6	55
" " 1947	25	24	1	8	58

Immunisation against Diphtheria and Vaccination against Smallpox.

As in other areas the Kent County Council is responsible for these services and the County Medical Officer has again kindly supplied for our use his statistics relating to them.

Immunisation.

The number of children receiving primary inoculations during the year was 106 and 117 received reinforcing doses. A total of 329 children of 0-4 years had been immunised by the end of 1953. This is about 61% of the total number of children of this age group.

Vaccination.

Of the children under one year of age 67 were vaccinated during 1953 and of the children aged 0-4 years 94 were vaccinated during the year.

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The following sections incorporate the report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year 1953.

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Water Supply.

The quality and quantity of the water supplied by the three Statutory Water Undertakings has been satisfactory throughout the year. All the post war schemes of extension of mains, including three additional small extensions, have been completed.

Approximately 97% of the dwellings in the district have acces to the main supply.

Examination of samples taken during the year.

	No.	Bactoriological Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Raw water (piped)	6	3	3
Raw water (not piped)	10	5	5
Treated water	22	22	-
Totals	38	30	8

No Chemical analyses were made.

The eight unsatisfactory samples were taken from rain water tanks and springs.

A large estate supply in the Parish of Newington and a smaller private supply in the Parish of Stowting have been taken over by the Folkestone Waterworks Company.

80.9% of the total number of dwelling houses in the district have piped supplies of water.

No. of houses with piped water supply at the 31st December, 1953:

Parish	No. of houses	No. of houses with piped supply: Direct to house	Stand pipe	Remarks
Acrise	38	27	nil	Treated Water
Elham	464	350	8	" "
Elmsted	111	98	nil	" "
Hawkinge	282	237	nil	" "
Lyminge	473	402	2	" "
Lympne	222	189	1	" "
Monks Horton	42	14	nil	Part treated Water
Newington	120	95	8	Treated Water
Paddlesworth	12	7	nil	" "
Postling	51	48	nil	" "
Saltwood	304	298	nil	" "
Sellindge	283	249	nil	" "
Stanford	144	136	nil	" "
Stelling	74		nil	" "
Stelling Minnis	35	87	1	" "
Stowting	65	34	nil	" "
Swingfield	229	194	nil	" "
Totals:	2949	2465	20	

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2. Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

There is main drainage in the Parish of Saltwood only. Fourteen small sewage works treat sewage from Council Housing estates.

During the winter months all sewage removed from cesspools is taken to the sewage works at Etchinghill. These works were originally designed to treat sewage from St. Mary's Hospital only and are now being overloaded to the extent of over 100,000 gallons per week.

The Kent River Board have taken samples from the Nailbourne East Stour River and Seabrook Stream and they reported pollution of the streams in the Parishes of Newington, Lyminge, Postling and Stanford.

Following the completion of the post war water schemes and the subsequent provisions of bathrooms and W.Cs. the need for main drainage in the larger villages is now very urgent.

All cesspools and some pail closets are emptied regularly and as requested, by direct labour. Three Dennis emptiers and six men are employed to carry out this service.

Cesspools are emptied four times a year as a General Rate charge and emptyings in excess of this number are charged for at the rate of 10/- per load.

2508 cesspools in the District were emptied during the year, 100 cesspools were emptied for the Borough of Hythe and 9 for the Borough of Folkestone.

3. General.

	No. in district	No. of visits	No. of defects found	No. remedied
Bakehouses	5	5	1	1
Dairies (Retail)	3	5	1	1
Ice Cream Premises	37	15	nil	nil
Slaughter houses	3	35	nil	1 ⊖
Other places where food is prepared or sold	54	46	9	5
Offensive trades	nil	nil	nil	nil
Factories ⊠	27	20	4	4

⊠ Does not include Bakehouses ⊖ From previous year.

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Summary of visits:-	
Food premises and shops	117
Factories	20
Sanitary defects, Housing and Rodent Control	172
Petroleum storage	13
Sampling	64
Building operations, and drainage	888
Building licensing and Town and Country Planning	476
Miscellaneous	357
Nuisances and defects remedied during the year:-	
Baths, sinks, etc.	1
Dustbins	3
Cooking and heating	1
Dampness	4
Roofs, R.W.P., chimneys	8
Drainage: Reconstruction	7
Repairs	10
Sanitary accommodation	11
Walls, ceilings and floors	6
Premises disinfected	3
Water Supplies	2

Total No. of inspections of all kinds during the year...	2153
No. of premises connected to main sewers.....	249 *
No. of premises connected to cesspools.....	1521 *
No. of premises with pail closets.....	exact fig
No. of premises with earth closets or middens.....	not known
No. of premises not connected to Public Water supply,...	464
No. of Statutory Notices served.....	1
No. of Informal Notices served.....	55
No. of premises disinfected.....	5

* Not including Council Housing Estates

Informal Notices	No. served	No. complied wi
Factories Act	4	4
Food and Drugs Act	9	5
Housing Acts	16	10
Public Health Act	23	18
Water Act	2	2
Miscellaneous	1	1

4. Control of Infestation.
Rodent Control.

A part time Rodent Operator is employed and disinfestation is carried out in accordance with the recommendations laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

"Warfarin" poison bait has proved to be very useful, especially in outlying farms, as large quantities of bait may be laid down an left without requiring frequent visits.

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No. of properties inspected

Dwelling houses	606
Agricultural premises	45
Business premises	10
Minor infestations treated	124
Major infestations treated	11
Mice infestations treated	18

Vermin.

No cases of bug infestation came to light during the year. Treatment has been carried out on minor infestations of flies and cockroaches.

5. Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Collection of domestic refuse is undertaken by direct labour using one Dennis 10 cu. yd. covered collection vehicle. A driver and three loaders are employed on this service.

Domestic refuse collection is carried out fortnightly, except in the village of Saltwood where a weekly collection is made.

Disposal of the refuse is by controlled tipping. Three tips are located in the parishes of Lympne, Postling and Swingfield. Town and Country Planning consent has been obtained for the use of a fourth tip in the parish of Stanford and tipping will commence there next year.

The cost of refuse collection and disposal for the financial year 1952/53 was £263.5.0d. per 1,000 population or 10/3d. per cubic yard.

Salvage.

Income derived from the sale of salvaged materials was £122.8.0d. 30 tons. 13 cwts. 1qr. of paper was collected and sold at £2 per ton. The remainder of the income was realised from the sale of scrap metals and mixed rags.

The men employed on the refuse vehicle were paid an incentive bonus of 12% of the income gained.

SECTION E.

FOOD.

(a) Milk.

Number of retailers 12.

Samples Taken	No.	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Methylene Blue Test			
Tuberculin Tested Milk	5	4	1
Pasteurised Milk	8	8	-
Phosphatase Test			
Pasteurised Milk	8	8	-
For Biological examination	14	14	-

Eleven licences to use the special designation "Pasteurised" and nine licences to use the special designation "Tuberculin Tested" were in force in this district.

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(b) Ice Cream.

No ice cream or iced lollies are manufactured in the distri. Thirty seven premises are registered for the sale, and storage f sale, of ice cream. Only prewrapped ice cream is retailed in th district.

Seven samples were taken and submitted to the Pathologist f bacteriological examination.

The results of the Methylene Blue tests were:

Grade I	6
Grade II	1

No pathogenic organisms were cultivated.

(c) Meat and Other Foods.

There are no Ministry of Food slaughterhouses in operation the district, but some slaughtering has taken place in the priva slaughterhouses.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. killed (if known)			1	16	21
No. inspected			1	16	21
All diseases except tuberculosis. Whole carcase condemned			nil	2	nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned			nil	2	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis			nil	25%	4.75%
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned			nil	nil	nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned			nil	nil	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis			nil	nil	14.28%

The following foodstuffs were surrendered and comdemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Homekilled pork	52 lbs.
" mutton	110 lbs.
" beef	22½ lbs.
Pork sausages	24 lbs.
Mixed tinned goods	107 lbs. 10 ozs.
Tinned milk	2 gallons equivalent.
Imported beef	56 lbs.

(d) Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations.

Lympne Airport.

Regular weekly consignments of mainly Demi-Sel Cream cheese contined to be landed at the Airport during the year, the amount averaging approximately 5 tons per week. The standard of packing and handling was high and no unsatisfactory samples occurred. Occasional minor accidental damage to cheeses was reported and dealt with.

SECTION F.

HOUSING.

No. of inspections	168
Notices served:	
Informal (Housing Act -- Public Health Act)	39
Statutory (Public Health Act)	1
Notices complied with:	
Informal (Housing Act and Public Health Act)	28
Statutory (Public Health Act)	1

Housing Act, 1949.

Two applications for Improvement Grants were received during the year and a grant of 33 and ⅓ of the approved cost was made in each case.

Council Houses.

The number of Council Houses erected during 1953 was 20, making a total of 223 local authority owned dwellings which is 7.56% of the total number of houses in the district.

Private Enterprise Houses.

22 private dwellings were erected during the year and 9 were in the course of erection on the 31st December, 1953.

Three additional units of accommodation were provided by conversion of existing premises.